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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION IN AMERICORPS GRANTS FOR 2008-2009 *13 Programs Receive Funding for Outreach, Education, Mentoring and Other Community Services*

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service has awarded \$4,124,795 in grants to 13 AmeriCorps programs across the state for the 2008-2009 program year. AmeriCorps members serving with these organizations will assist in community outreach and education efforts, build affordable houses, participate in mentoring programs and work in other service activities.

“I am grateful for the work done by AmeriCorps members to improve the lives of people throughout North Carolina,” Easley said. “With this year’s award of more than \$4 million in grants, I look forward to another successful year for our AmeriCorps programs.”

The Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education at the UNC at Chapel Hill School of Education received a \$280,296 grant to fund N.C. Literacy Corps. In this program, AmeriCorps members tutor at-risk students to increase reading and language skills, as well as work to improve student attitudes and behaviors toward learning. The program also assists with tutoring programs on other college campuses in the state. N.C. Literacy Corps offers services in Alamance, Burke, Chatham, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Orange, Pitt, Robeson and Wake counties.

The East Carolina University College of Education received a \$622,514 grant to fund Project HEART (High Expectations For At-Risk Teens). AmeriCorps members tutor elementary, middle and high school at-risk students in core content areas such as language arts, English, math, science and social studies. High school seniors also serve as AmeriCorps members and tutor 9th and 10th grade students in the same core content areas. Project HEART serves Craven, Edgecombe, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Washington and Wilson counties.

The Stokes Partnership for Children received a \$327,392 grant to fund AmeriCorps and Children Together (ACT). AmeriCorps members serve as assistant pre-school teachers, providing enrichment activities to the children and more time for instructors, so teachers can further their early childhood education. ACT serves Buncombe, Davie, Forsyth, Henderson, Stokes and Surry counties.

Habitat for Humanity received a \$389,940 grant to fund Habitat AmeriCorps – North Carolina. Members serve as crew leaders who train community volunteers and partner with families to build affordable homes. Members also assist in the recruitment, management and recognition of community volunteers. Habitat AmeriCorps – North Carolina serves Avery, Brunswick, Catawba, Chatham, Durham, Iredell, Moore, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Union, Wake and Wayne counties.

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